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C O N F I D E N T I A L HONG KONG 1734

DEPARTMENT PASS TREASURY FOR SOMMERFIELD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, KN

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE NORTH KOREAN PURCHASE OF WHEAT FROM US

1. TREASURY REPRESENTATIVE WAS TELEPHONED BY HERBERT ZARNS, MANAGER OF PEAVEY ASIA LTD., HONG KONG OFFICE OF PEAVEY COMPANY OF MINEAPPOLIS, MINN., WHO REQUESTED OPINION ON LEGALITY OF FOLLOWING TRANSACTION:

IMPORTATION OF WHEAT FROM US (HE ESTIMATED THAT IT COULD RANGE FROM 25,000 TO 200,000 TONS) TO BE PAID FOR BY L/C OPENED IN FAVOR OF EITHER PEAVEY, HONG KONG OR US.

2. HE REPLIED THAT IT WAS PROBABLY IN VIOLATION OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL REGULATIONS BUT WOULD QUERY WASHINGTON FOR DEFINITIVE OPINION.

3. THIS IS SECOND ENQUIRY IN TWO DAYS AND MAY HAVE BEEN STIMULATED BY SAME LOCAL CHINESE BROKER. ZARNS ALSO BELIEVED THAT NORTH KOREANS HAD ALREADY BOUGHT "COUPLE HUNDRED THOUSAND TONS" OF RICE, POSSIBLY FROM THAILAND.

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4. ACTION REQUESTED: RESPONSE TO ZARNS AS TO WHETHER TRANS-
ACTION IS LEGAL FROM POINT OF VIEW FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL.
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Message Attributes

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